

## What: A Resource for the COS Grassroots Network

The **COS Community Newsmaker** tool is a news story pitching resource that COS affiliated grassroots can independently harness to advance community activism and self-governance in their communities by:

- **Elevating** local issues of importance
- **Celebrating** local heroes and patriots
- **Holding government accountable** and **promoting** government transparency
- **Highlighting** overlooked stories and **amplifying** marginalized voices

## Goal:

- ✓ Cultivate and **empower activism**, civic engagement, and self-governance by **elevating awareness** around state and local community issues.

## How does it work?

The **COS Community Newsmaker Program** starts with engaged citizens like you.

1. **You are the source**—Come across a story that needs telling? Attend a local meeting? Dig into government data on spending, contracts, or other issues? Report it!
2. **Pitch your story**—Use the COS Community Newsmaker Pitch Form to put your story in play. Think someone needs to answer some questions? Tell us who and what questions you want our reporters to ask.
3. **Watch Your Story Get Reported**—Your story will be assigned to a journalist who will conduct interviews, research, and write the story. In a few days, the story will be published on your community's online news site. You will be informed when the story is published, and provided with a link that you can share with others.

## Who writes the articles?

Story leads are drafted into stories by a **quality-reviewed** network of free-lance reporters across the country who adhere to strict journalistic standards — **no political bias, and a commitment to facts over opinion**. Additionally every story draft is reviewed by editorial staff to ensure it adheres to editorial standards.

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**Be a News Maker.**

To get started, go to [www.CoS.CommunityNewsMaker.com](http://www.CoS.CommunityNewsMaker.com) and click "Tell a Story."

## Who's behind the COS Community Newsmaker?

**COS Community Newsmaker** is a collaboration between **Citizens for Self-Governance** and the **Metric Media Foundation** to help restore local news in communities across America. The COS Community Newsmaker tool is a means to build a wide network of citizen community reporters.

## Where will the articles be published?

As of now (March 2020), Metric Media maintains an established **network of local news sites** in the following states:

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|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. <b>Arizona</b> -  | 16 sites | 7. <b>Minnesota</b> -    | 19 sites |
| 2. <b>Delaware</b> - | 5 sites  | 8. <b>Montana</b> -      | 8 sites  |
| 3. <b>Florida</b> -  | 49 sites | 9. <b>New Mexico</b> -   | 10 sites |
| 4. <b>Iowa</b> -     | 21 sites | 10. <b>N. Carolina</b> - | 48 sites |
| 5. <b>Kentucky</b> - | 19 sites | 11. <b>Texas</b> -       | 57 sites |
| 6. <b>Michigan</b> - | 38 sites | 12. <b>Washington</b> -  | 1 site   |


Stories can also be published to statewide **“Business Daily”** outlets in **all 50 states**.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### Tax issues for seniors, disabled roil politics in small town

Heath residents debate property tax free, homestead exemptions for elderly, disabled  
By Tom Lawrence

FROM URBAN REFORM

Houston is gentrifying faster than other Texas cities

#### Former Speaker Joe Straus donates campaign cash to old allies


Over two years ago, former Texas House Speaker Joe Straus declared he would be leaving the House, but he continues to assist his colleagues in the Texas Capitol by donating campaign cash to several associates that are still in the legislature.  
By James Ledbetter

- Democrat candidates' stances on fracking could cost them some ground
- TRA takes bold measures to fight human trafficking
- Hegar proposes change to rule on how local sales tax generated online is distributed
- Texas Republicans to vote on taxpayer-funded lobbying in primary
- Conservative Californians continue to pack their bags for Texas





BUSINESS

Oil and gas industries trend toward both promising and

TRENDING



Tax issues for seniors, disabled roil politics in small town

- 2  Total OASDI beneficiaries in Texas zip 75370 increase in 2018
- 3  Total OASDI beneficiaries in Texas zip 75379 increase in 2018
- 4  Total OASDI beneficiaries in Texas zip 75382 decrease in 2018
- 5  Total OASDI beneficiaries in Texas zip 75313 decrease in 2018

## Need More Info?

→ Check out the [#community\\_news\\_maker](#) channel on COS/CSG Team Slack!

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